

The Progression of Serving God Eze. 1:28-33

In a small town one night the local Church caught on fire. Many of the towns people came out to help put out the fire. As the pastor was in the crown the local alhierst was spotted watching the church burn down. Pastor said sharply "You picked a fine time to finally come to church tonight. You never had any intent in coming to church before tonight. The Alhierst said, Well chie we've seen the church on fire before tonight. It's a shame the church is not alhierst Beginning of Eze. Cleban river capital.

He was 30 and set to be a priest by lineage. Priests start at 30 but He wasn't in Jeru. or the Temple. He was in exile 900 miles away in a refuge camp. His life seemed wasted. Then three things happened to him and from that moment on he became one of the most effective men of God ever planted on earth.

A man of blame in obedience, service and love for God. E.C. can be set alhierst by following the experience of Eze.

I. God Puts us on Our Faces - chie the previous description Eze falls over him self to describe God. Causes it to be his belief on he

spoke lie for his Majesty
A. To Humble Us. - Ezekiel was probably
saying to him self, I was trained
to be a priest, I spent years
to be a priest. This just isn't
fair! I'm suppose to have a position,
I'm suppose to be there at the Temple!

I remember hearing a little children's
song called "Eye Sickness" That's
what EZE has until he runs in
to a vision of God. Nothing like a
glimpse of him to put your nose in
the dirt and say what will you have me do ^{ask Paul}

B. To Hone Us. - Hone means to
sharpen or to bring into focus.
God is redirecting Ezekiel's focus
off of his broken plans, off of his
humble position, and on to his
brilliant preeminent God. EZEKIEL
you've been looking and focusing on
the wrong things. God will often break
up, put our faces on the ground to
put our attention on Him. He will do
this by circumstances that force us to
look to Him.

II. God Places Us on Our Feet.

God didn't leave EZE face down in the
dirt forever. He told him to get
up, I got something I want to say to

you. With my children I get there then before I tell
A. By His Spirit. He told him to get
up. But then in V5 2. God sends his
spirit to lift Eze to his feet. He
didn't even have the ability to get
up and do what God commanded w/o
the Spirit of God. The comforter is
the one that lifts us up, turns our hearts
to hear what God has to say. Eph
5:17 Be filled or controlled by the
Spirit. You can be prepared for service
w/o the empowering, leading, the comforting
the comforting of the Holy Ghost

B. For His Scripture. He raised him
up because he wanted to speak w/ him
God speaks to us today just like he
did then through the Scriptures. V59-
ch 3:1-3. It is a strange visual image
but it is seen several times in Scripture
but then, devour them as a meal (Ps 19
Jer 14; Rev 10). Jesus in His temple said
Man shall not live by bread alone but by every
word that comes out of the mouth of God. In Europe meals are long drawn
out affairs that take hours. God might here mean
fast food going 60 on 2 wheels. Do we do something it can
to us

III. God Points Us to His Field
The end result of the exposure of his
Majesty and relaying of his message is to
point his servant to the Field of labor

Jesus said the fields are white who harvest

A. It is a Divine Command - vs 3a

He has raised and prepared Eze for this task and has now pointed to the field.

Jn 20:21 "As the Father has sent Me so send I you. But we say "Lord I have other plans" It is a command from God.

Lord I don't want to go there! I have been commanded by God, Lord I'll be rejected. "I send thee" Lord it's going to be so difficult! "I send thee" Jn 14:21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me!

B. It is Dispute Conflict - God

commanded Him to Go despite the Conflict that lied ahead. God is sending him among a rebellious people that will not hear that will abuse the servants of God, that will mock and despise the truth they hear. Why Go then? Why put this servant through the conflict vs 5a prophet has been among them. They will be w/o excuse in the day of Judgment.

IV. Challenge When we see his majesty deliver his message respond to his mission we become the tools of God on this earth for him to work all things out for his glory and good